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Daughters, all dutiful and obedient,
The Treasures and good Things,
however, of this Life are so uncertain,
that a Man can never be happy,
unless he lays the Foundation for
it in his own Mind. So true is that
Copy in our Writing Books, which
tells us, that *a contented Mind is a continual Feast.*

After some Years successful Trade,
he thought his Circumstances sufficient
to insure his own Ships, or, in
other Words, to send his Ships and
Goods to Sea without being insured
by others, as is customary among
Merchants; when, unfortunately for
him, four of them richly laden were
lost at Sea. This he supported with
becoming Resolution; but the next
Mail brought him Advice, that nine
others were taken by the *French*, with
whom we were then at War; and this,

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together with the Failure of three foreign
Merchants whom he had trusted,
completed his Ruin. He was then
obliged to call his Creditors together,
who took his Effects, and being
angry with him for the imprudent
Step of not insuring his Ships,
left him destitute of all Subsistence.
Nor did the Flatterers of his Fortune,
those who had lived by his Bounty
when in his Prosperity, pay the least
Regard either to him or his Family.
So true is another Copy, that you will
find in your Writing Book, which
says, *Misfortune tries our Friends.* All
these Slights of his pretended Friends,
and the ill Usage of his Creditors,
both he and his Family bore with
Christian Fortitude; but other Calamities
fell upon him, which he felt
more sensibly.

In this Distress, one of his Relations,
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